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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-entitled application, together with a marked-up copy of Fig. 1 incorporating the proposed change and a marked-up copy of an amended portion of the specification at page 4.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly enter the following in advance of examination of the identified application.

In the Specification

Kindly amend the paragraph commencing at Page 4, line 7 to read as follows:

For producing the additional force K there can be provided, instead of the cable pull 25, a cable or belt 43 which is arranged at the lift cage 2 and preferably anchored in the shaft pit 20 and which in the operational case can be unrolled and extended by the upward movement of the lift cage 2 and rolled up and retracted by the downward movement of the lift cage 2. In the case of weight equalization between the lift cage 2 together with the lift passengers and the counterweight 4, one person releases the brake of the drive unit 6 and a further person climbs into the shaft pit 20 and draws the lift cage 2 by means of the cable or belt to the second-uppermost story. This procedure